



## Meeting Record

### Present

#### Officers

*President:* Kyle Thornton (NM)  
*President Elect:* Andy Gienapp (WY)  
*Treasurer:* Gary Brown (VA)  
*Immediate Past President:* Keith Wages (GA)  
*Member-at-Large:* Jason Rhodes (RI)  
*Secretary:* Steve McCoy (FL)

#### Regions

*East:* Raffaella Coler (RI)  
*South:* David Newton (AL)  
*West:* Wayne Denny (ID)

#### Councils

*Data Managers:* Tom McGinnis (CA)  
*Medical Directors:* George Lindbeck (VA)  
*Pediatric Emergency Care:* Amanda Perry (KY)  
*Trauma Managers:* Alyssa Johnson (MT)

#### Members

Dale Adkerson (OK)  
*Data Managers Alt:* Jay Ostby (WY)  
*Trauma Managers Alt:* Eileen Worden (MI)  
*Medical Directors Alt:* Matt Sholl (ME)  
Dan Manz  
Tim Wilson (NE)  
Eric Hicken (NJ)

#### Federal Partners

NHTSA OEMS: Gam Wijetunge  
HRSA EMSC: Jocelyn Hulbert

#### NASEMSO Staff

Dia Gainor  
Beth Armstrong  
Hannah Degn  
Mary Hedges  
Kathy Robinson  
Rachael Alter

#### Absent

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM EDT.

### Call to Order / Roll Call

President Kyle Thornton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time and Hannah Degn called roll. A quorum was present.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Steve McCoy presented the February Board meeting minutes and provided his report on the Executive Committee board.

**ACTION:** Andy Gienapp moved, and Steve McCoy seconded, that the minutes should be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

### Financial Performance

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that as of February 28, 2021, NASEMSO had an operational income of \$731,032 versus a 12-month budget of \$1,177,041. Operational expenses were \$626,872 versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,267,067.

### Program Committee

Gary Brown reported on behalf of the Program Committee that meetings will begin next month, April 13 at 1:00pm EST. They will be moving forward to plan the in person meeting which will take place in November. All board members and executive committee members are invited to join. The purpose of the first meeting will be to look at the schedule at a glance and form a general outline for the coming months.

## Federal Partner Updates

### HRSA/EMSC

Jocelyn annual meeting will take place August 31-September 2 and will be a virtual event. Currently in the process of doing the pre-hospital pre-learning collaborative. Involves 7 states, have met 3 times to present their current status and unique issues around this.

### NHTSA OEMS

Gam Wijetunge provided a quick update on the subject matter expert panel for recommending ??????. The panel has met twice, anticipated the final meeting will take place in the next two weeks. Expecting to have some recommendations in the next month which Gam will report on at next month's BOD meeting.

## Executive Director's Report

### Current Projects

#### EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update (HRSA/Yale)

Rachael Alter reported that the telehealth collaborative is ongoing. There is a follow up going on to the learning collaborative that happened a few years ago. It will focus on pre-hospital and hospital PEC. For the first 6 months they will focus on training segments and the final 6 months will be on improvement processes. The other big project is the pre-hospital readiness project. The checklist is down, they are waiting to finalize the tool kit and will roll them out together. The state partnership team is

currently working on an EMSC university course where they will have small video classes which have all the parts that comprise the EMSC program.

### **Fatigue in EMS (NHTSA)**

Kathy Robinson reported on their meetings on monitoring the study. There are 27 agencies that are active. She shared the weekly report which provides the data that is being collected and looked at some of the variations that have taken place over the past year (COVID-19, National Election, etc.) They are able to track attrition levels, withdrawals etc. in the reports. Data analysis commences this month and will continue throughout the rest of the year. An article will be published on shift duration in the next 30-60 days which we will share for internal reference.

### **Pain Management Evidence Based Guideline (NHTSA)**

Mary Hedges reported that they are more than halfway through. They are finishing making recommendations on the PICO questions and will shortly begin drafting the manuscript. They are wrapping up the evidence to decision table and just update NHTSA staff earlier this week.

### **Community Opioids (TASC)**

The webinar took place with three different EMS agencies who were all featured with over 500 individuals registered to participate. One was the state EMS offices, the other two were individual offices. It addressed how EMS was reacting to the opioid crisis. It was the highest webinar participation that they had and the feedback has all been very positive. Mary also wrote an article that featuring one of the offices and what they were doing.

### **Workforce (NHTSA)**

Jim DeTienne is leading the project and has sent out a survey to states about what data they are currently gathering and what interest they have in piloting new programs. Had a check in call with NHTSA earlier this week and the project is going well.

### **Model Clinical Guidelines (NHTSA)**

Andy Gienapp reported that the project is continuing to progress. The first draft of the document is due in July which the TEP is working to develop. The individual groups are working and submitting their edits and the project is on track.

### **Strategic Planning (NHTSA)**

Jim DeTienne is leading the project had a check in call with NHTSA earlier this week and the project is going well.

### **Pandemic Study (FEMA)**

Mel House has collected promising practices from websites which have been compiled as a master list for the different things that states did to help offices stay operational in the pandemic. Working with the TEP to

## EMSC Sled (NJ EMSC)

Jim Green is still leading the charge, the sled buck is being constructed in Buffalo New York.

## Pending Projects

### Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project

Still seeking additional funding for the project.

### NACCHO Extension through July 31 for Innovative EMS Approaches to Falls

Waiting for final approval for the submitted extension which staff submitted to continue with the project through July 31.

## Action Items

### Interfacility Transport Paper

**Discussion:** George Lindbeck reported on the paper that interfacility transport receives less attention than 911 response transport. As we developed more advanced systems of care this is an overlooked but essential part of that process. The other discussion that has played into this is dealing with agencies that are outside of the 911/hospital providers that are still assisting with providing care and interfacility transport. Several of NASEMSO's committees have already provided comments which have been incorporated to the document.

Lindbeck asked if this is an important enough issue for NASEMSO to produce a paper and should we reach out to federal partners for support in signing on.

Andy voiced support for the paper, stating that who does what as it relates to critical care transport is an important issue. He highlighted one of the challenges that rural Wyoming faces is the difficulty of needing to fly people out and the challenge of having to call 911 for transport to other facilities.

David Newton and others on the board voiced their support and agreed with Andy's comments. It is a critical issue that affects all issues of care. Some other organizations were shared as potential partners in signing on to support the document are: ASEP, NAEMSP, AMPA, AAA, KEMPS and AEMS.

**ACTION:** George Lindbeck moved, and David Newton seconded, that NASEMSO should work to develop the position paper and work with federal partners for support. The motion passed unanimously.

### STURDY Act sign-on letter

**Discussion:** Stop Tip-overs of Unstable, Risky Dressers on youth act would direct the U.S. consumer product safety commission to create a mandatory clothing storage unit to help prevent furniture tip-overs. The bill would establish a strong

mandatory rule that within one year on enactment. They are looking for support as the bill moves through the senate.

**ACTION:** Sign-on was approved unanimously.

### **National Council on Aging/National Safety Council sign-on letter of support**

**Discussion:** Prevention of adult falls letter comes from mainstream public health partners, presumed continue to be funded by CDC to take on a EMS specific focus. Alyssa Johnson voiced support on behalf of the Trauma managers since falls are a big part of trauma.

**ACTION:** Sign-on was approved unanimously.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Progress in States**

#### **Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct**

Dan Manz reported that the CompAct is recruiting for a full time Executive Director. It is powering up a coordinating database, as various states begin to put their data in. The ability to see other licensing/discipline data from the other states in the CompAct will be a big step. Meeting scheduled Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Several states are also looking at joining the CompAct this year.

#### **NEMSIS Monthly Report**

Sent out with the board materials.

#### **Other emerging issues**

Amanda Perry shared that the EMS for children managers in the state working to get responses to a survey before March 19 and to please participate if you have not already.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM EDT.

*Meeting record respectfully submitted by Project Coordinator Hannah Degn.*